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5. Dr. Ludwig Soswinski described the Party's financial status and compared Austrian CP finances unfavorably with those of eastern parties. He referred specifically to the Polish CP, which, he said, had funds totalling more than 100,000,000 zloty. He pointed out that the Austrian CP has about 300,000 schillings, but remarked that USIA firms have promised to donate 1,200,000 schillings within the next few months. The Party is now establishing strike and so-called "self-defense" funds. Source believes that little of this money is to be used for the purchase of weapons.
6. The meeting ended without putting the question of policy to a vote. It was suggested that this vote be taken at a future meeting when a "more unanimous decision" could be reached. It is reported that about sixty percent of those present were pro-Tito; the remainder favored the Cominform. Most of the Party leaders were in the latter group, and the rank and file were in the majority.
7. Following the meeting, Furrberg and several other Central Committee members repaired to a private room where four Russians in civilian clothes were waiting. Furrberg reported to the Russians that no vote had been taken.

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Comment: The meeting described above took place after the publication of the Party's official stand in favor of the Cominform.)

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